

## THOSE ROBBERS.

Some Shaky Reports About  
the Eccentric Train  
Robbers.

It May Have a Basis of Fact in  
it but It Reads Like it  
was Fiction.

How, as Alleged, Two Men Out-  
Generated all the Travis  
County Officials.

Alleged Train Robbers.  
AUSTIN, TEXAS.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Sept. 12.—A party who claims to have known the men who committed the Manchaca car robbery did after their escape from Jim Martin and his posse at Manchaca, go to a negro on horse back whom they met about a mile from their camp. They ordered the negro to jump off, which he did, his eyes rolling up like the full moon. Then in a second both he and the animal, and hatless and shirtless galloped away, but finding they could not get over fences they abandoned the horse and proceeded on foot, going five miles in the direction of Red Rock in Bastrop. The two bandits, went to the house of G. C. Yarborough and told him they wanted a couple of horses. He informed them he had only one and did not want to let him go.

"Then we'll take him anyway," one of them said, with a furious oath, and giving the astonished Yarborough \$100 they mounted the horse.

"Now, give me your hat," said one of the outlaws, glaring at the victim.

"Take it," said the citizen.

"Now, pull off them shoes," said the other bandit.

"Take them too," replied Yarborough as he untied his shoe strings.

"Be it quickly," exclaimed the other as he adjured a farmer's old hat to his head.

Leaving the Yarborough house the two robbers started for Red Rock, in their flight cutting with a hatchet which they got from Yarborough, the fence on the plantation of Bud Driskill, Judge Terrell, Wm. Blocker, Mr. Trig and others. They passed down Mahan creek. Some distance down the creek they met old man Tom Mercer riding a fine horse. Accosting him in the road they said to him:

"We want that horse. We have had a hell of a time with the officers this morning and we must have that horse."

"I don't like to give him up," said Mercer.

"But you must," said one of them, at the same time preparing to draw his six-shooter.

Mercer observed the movement and quietly said:

"Well, if I must, I must, that's all we here is take him."

They seemed to have some sense of honor, for taking Mercer's address they told him in four days he would get a letter telling him where he would find his horse. Mercer says he had considerable talk with the robbers. They told him they had committed the McNell train robbery and that they intended to commit many more.

They said they had intended to rob the train at Manchaca last Saturday night; that there were fifteen in the party, three only of whom were visible, two of them being out, "skirmishing" as they called it, when the others attacked them. They expressed the opinion that their companion, Lusk, gave them away at Manchaca. Mercer says that both bandits wore blue checked shirts and light pants, one of them a small man with a black mustache and two weeks' beard. The small man was shot in the encounter at Manchaca, and Mercer says the bullet struck him in the forehead, but glanced and ran on the left side, cutting a bloody gash of three inches in length, but apparently not injuring the bone. The larger man were a money bag, which he told Mercer was filled with money, some of the outlaws wore two pistols. They told Mercer the officers had \$10,000 paid them, but they would make Jay Gould pay it.

Sheriff Hornsby and Constable Elmore of Travis county were Sunday night on the trail of robbers. M. E. Jones from whom the above account was had got back this morning from Red Rock. He says the robbers told Mercer they didn't give a d—d for the guards on the train.

COLORADO CATTLEMAN  
Representative Stock-Raisers in Con-  
vention at Denver.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 12.—A meeting of representative cattlemen of the range country was held here yesterday for the purpose of forming an American beef pool, the purpose of

which is to bring the price of beef cattle on the range west of the feeding districts more nearly to a level of the price of dressed beef in the east, to increase profits to the producer and to do away with middle men. A. R. Merrier, of Wyoming was chosen chairman and G. L. Brooks, of New Mexico, secretary. Mr. Merrier stated the object of the meeting, and then read a report of his conference with Armour & Co., of Chicago, which was had at the request of the Colorado Cattlemen's association, substantially as follows: Armour & Co. has signed a contract with the pool to kill their cattle and give them all there is in them, less a reasonable commission, and aid in extending their market facilities. Armour further agrees to slaughter their cattle for \$2.50 per head giving the shipper the entire proceeds of the animals, less freight and selling commission on dressed beef in the east.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

Resolved that incorporation papers be taken out under the laws of the state of Colorado, establishing an association for mutual benefit in handling and disposing of beef cattle after shipment from producers; that the name of the association shall be the "American Beef Pool"; that it shall issue no capital stock, declare no dividends and seek no profits as an organization that is object shall be to accomplish, through organized effort and united action, an increase of net value upon beef products to its membership and to the individual advantage of its membership and its affairs shall be wholly governed by directors, though the management shall be composed of a president, vice-president, secretary and superintendent, to be elected or appointed by the board of directors according to the by-laws of the association; that any person eligible for membership must be a producer and shipper of beef; that there shall be no membership fees or annual dues, and that the only charge to the membership for support of organization shall be ten cents per head upon all beef cattle shipped to or through it.

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